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**RACK-AND-PINION STEERING  
SYSTEM FOR MOTOR VEHICLES**

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the references listed on the attached modified PTO form 1449 to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed PTO Form No. 1449, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).
2. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed, except as otherwise indicated.

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\*\*\* English-language abstract provided.

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS

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